

Students’ Representative Council

Minutes

23 January Microsoft Teams (Remote)

Attendance

Zainab Adeleye (BME), Elise Coubrough (Disabilities), Funmilayo Owa (Womens), Nicole Bryon (Environment & Sustainability), Cynthia Christopher (Housing), Esther Ajayi-Akinsulire (First Year), Saga Hamdan (International), Hamish Fraser (SRC Chairperson), Marcus Flucker (Learning & Teaching), Aniekeme Uwah (Mature), Alice Saville (SU President), Samuel Lincoln-Bassey (Taught Postgraduate), Ian Buerger (IMC), Prashant Kumar (Employability), Rajat Mittal (General), Tosan Akpituren (General), Seemab Zafar (General),

School Presidents

Conor Heward (Business), Dominic Lee (Medicine), Dani McFawns (SSHL), Marlon D'Ambrosio (Science and Engineering), Joanna Walke (DJCAD), Ridvan Kucuk (Life Sciences).

Executive

Ash Mutembwa (President), Nicole Okoro (VP Representation), Mubarak Babalola (VP Academia), Yaa Agyei-Akwa (VP Fundraising), Manaswi Budhathoki (VP Community), Bernard Aihevba (VP Student Wellbeing)

Guests/Observers

Robert Bett (Residences Office Administrator), Blair Grubb (VP Education), Kellie Ioannou (Business Support Manager), Dumindu Nukulasooriya (Organisational Development Project Manager), Adam Fairley (Student), Natalie Payne (Student), Thulani Matshoba (Student), Sayujya Patil Patil (Student), Comfort Olatunji (Student), Olabisi Odine (Student), Sheila Niyonsaba (Student), Pawanpreet Kaur - (Student),Deepa Pun (Student), Munir Ghandour (Student), Mandeep Kaur - (Student), Wadhhah Aldehani (PG Research) , Christiana Udo (Student), Juliana Agyekum (Student), Miracle Onyekwelu (Student)

Apologies

Keith Harris (Rector), Lucas Fonseca (Health Sciences), Erin MacInnes (SSHL), Matthew Fancourt (Dentistry), Parissa Robinson (VP Student Activities), Leia McKenzie (LGBT+), Kolev Oggy (Student Parent), Keith Winters (Rectors Accessor)

Absences

Rafat Ahmed Imitiaz (Facilities), Paul Eluwa (EDW).

Minute taker

Loukia Morari (Representation Officer).

**1. Chair’s welcome**

1.1 Hamish thanked the council for joining the meeting online at short notice.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

2.1 Proposer: Nicole Okoro

2.2 Seconder: Marcus Flucker

**3. Action Tracker**

3.1 Proposer:Bernard Aihevba

3.2 Seconder: Nicole Okoro

**4. Accommodation Inclusivity**

4.1 Hamish opened for discussion. Marcus opened the discussion by suggesting that carers might also face challenges and could be added to the minority groups (BAME, LGBT, and students with disabilities) referenced in the paper.

4.2 Robert introduced himself as the residence office administrator presenting the paper. He then summarised that the project was investigating the communication with students and applicants. He then said he would make a note of carers in the consideration.

4.3 Dominic asked if any consideration had been made for the distress that could arise during the consultation process. Robert appreciated the point and said he would communicate it with his team. Robert also provided his email for any additional questions - residences@dundee.ac.uk, 01382384040, rbett001@dundee.ac.uk

4.4 Elise recognised the importance of the consultation and noted that only Belmont has accessible room options which she said are the most expensive. She continued to say that students are requiring accessible rooms but are being charged a premium as they are the only accessible rooms. Robert summarised that Belmont Flats has four accessible rooms, two of which are on the first floor so not accessible for wheelchair users. He continued to state that typically the disability service team have paid the difference for the premium room price. Elise then said that there is a barrier in communication as not every student is made aware that the disability service subsidises, which prevents disabled students especially mobility restricted students.

4.5 Robert closed the discussion by sharing that this is a six month to a yearlong project to increase the accessibility of the campus accommodation.

**5. Microwaves in DJCAD**

5.1 Hamish introduced Joanna to present. Joanna summarised the paper; there had been complaints that about access to microwaves in DJCAD. This motion suggested the addition of microwaves in the DJCAD canteen and library to encourage students to have affordable hot meals.

5.2 Kellie stated that microwaves are owned by the University, so if anything goes wrong with them the university repairs them and then encouraged the team to lobby the university for this motion. She noted that the elected executive can support in this.

5.3 Loukia posted the voting form in the Teams chat. Loukia announced the motion passed; 20 responses, 19 in agreement and one abstention.

**6. VPR Update**

6.1 Nicole apologised for the change in remote meeting with such short notice. She briefly wanted to outline a couple things. The first being the SRC cards and the second being job opportunities for social content creator to boost social media and awareness.

**7. Passed motion/ Campaign updates**

7.1 Isreal Palestine working group: Ash said that there had been two meetings so far one per semester with a few new faces and the team were working on the motion action points including contact of Nablus, workshops, fundraisers and information stalls. She continued that Saga was working with people from other societies to build a reading list that is accessible from library literature. Manu added that the team also discussed the possibility of hosting a fundraising event – small business fair in DJCAD. Saga added that the team need more volunteers for the information stalls. Marcus noted that the commitment is just few hours every couple of weeks.

7.2 Financial Support for School Presidents: Marlon updated that he had spoken to Blair who said he’d bring the motion to school executive board.

7.3 Choose Love Campaign: Manu updated that Police Scotland in collaboration with WRASAC is running an awareness session navigating hate crimes on the 6th of February and encouraged the council to join. She also stated that she is collating an information pack and said there was also an upcoming bystander training.

8. Exec Update

8.1 VPC: Manu updated on the success of the Brush and Booze event, thanked the council for supporting and reminded the council of the Choose Love campaign details.

8.2 VPA: Mubarak updated on the successes of the AcadeMix campaign and the upcoming event on mitigating circumstances and how to properly evidence it. He also updated on the paper he had been working on within the assessemnt policy group for limited mitigating circumstances. Additionally, that the education steering group (education subcommittee + School presidents) were publishing academic report: <https://www.dusa.co.uk/academic-update/school-presidents-january>

8.3 VPSW: Bernard updated on the disability's awareness campaign his is working on with Elise and the Financial Freedom campaign that will hopefully include a careers workshop, scam awareness, investment education and gabling advice – to kick off the first week of March.

8.4 President: Ash updated on #DUNWELL social media soft launch and next steps to integrate the university campus, student services, chaplaincy, academic schools and the sports union. She reminded the council that the NSS (National Student Survey) goes live on the 29th of January. Elections are coming up with nominations opening soon.

8.5 VPF: Yaa said she had been collaborating with Manu on the Brush and Booze campaign. She also took part in the postgraduate pizza night providing the evening with a quiz. Looking to the future she is focused on incorporating a talent show fundraiser in the society's awards night